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In re Application of
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DECISION

This decision is in response to the papers filed 28 April 2006 which are treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182. No fee is required.

BACKGROUND

On 13 April 2006, a decision dismissing applicants' petition to change the name of an inventor was mailed. Applicants were given two months to respond.

On 28 April 2006, applicants filed a renewed petition which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a document titled "Affidavit in Support of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 Regarding Inventor's Name Change."

DISCUSSION

As previously stated, section 605.04(c), *Inventor Changes Name*, of the MPEP lists the procedures required to change the name of an inventor and states, in part:

The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

In the original petition, petitioners did not provide an affidavit signed by the inventor whose name had changed as required. In the renewed petition, applicants have provided the required affidavit listing both names and indicating that the change was as a result of marriage.

This is sufficient for a grantable petition.

CONCLUSION

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The declaration submitted 11 April 2005 is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing



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